ing the Masters of Such Indented Servants as shall Engage in his L.H. J. Majesty's Service, the Money paid by the Said Masters upon the Liber No. 48 September Original Contract, in Proportion to the time, Such Indented Ser- 14 vants have to Serve, and you will at all times Discourage the Harbouring Concealing or Assisting such as shall desert the Service. and also use all means for Discovering and apprehending Such Deserters, you will likewise use your best Endeavours to prevail on your Assembly to appropriate Such part of the Funds now Raised, or which shall be raised for the Publick Service to be Issued and applied to the General Service, in Such Manner as the Commander in Chief shall Direct

The King would have you Recommend it, in the Strongest Manner to your Council and Assembly, to pass Effectual Laws for Prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with the French and for Preventing the Exportation of Provisions of all kinds to any of their Islands or Colonies.

Iam

Governor of Maryland./

Sir

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant H Fox

Duplicate N.º 2.

Whitehall 13.th March 1756.

Sir.

I have Acquainted you in my Letter of this Date, with the King's having appointed the Earl of Loudoun to be Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in North America, but as it will be some time before his Lordship or Major General Abercombie (who is to be next in Command to him) can set out from hence. The King has Directed Colonel Webb (who will forward this Letter to you) to Embark immediately for North America, and to take upon him the Command of the Forces there, till the Arrival of Lord Loudoun, or Major General Abercombie, you will therefore correspond with Colonel Webb and give him all Necessary lights and Assistances in the Same Manner you were Directed to do, to the Late General Braddock.

It having been Represented that a Considerable Number of the foreign Settlers in America might be now willing to enter into the Kings Service if they were Commanded by Officers of their own Country, An Act of Parliament, has been passed of which I send you inclosed a printed Copy, Enabling his Majesty to grant Commissions to a Certain Number German Swiss and Dutch Protestants, who have Served as Officers, or Engineers and as they have already engaged they will Embark with all Expedition, in Order to assist in Raising and Commanding Such of the foreign Protestants in North America, as shall be able and willing to serve with the rest of